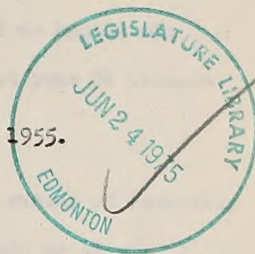


*Letter to Dept. of the Provincial Secretary*

*A.P. 29*

March 7th, 1955.



The Honourable C.B. Gerhart, M.L.A.,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1954 and for the calendar year 1954, showing details of the various services rendered and statistics relating thereto.

The statistics are given in tabular form showing comparisons for three successive years and are arranged in the following order.

Fiscal Year Revenue	Table I
Amusements Branch	
Amusements Tax Division	Table II
Censorship Division	Table III
Theatres Inspection Division	Table IV
Companies Branch	Table V
Fire Commissioners Branch	Table VI
Fuel Oil Tax Branch	Table VII
General Office	Table VIII
Insurance Branch	Table IX

Activity has continued at a high level throughout the Department with total revenue showing an increase of 12.4% for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1954, as compared with an increase of 19.8% for the year ending March 31st, 1953.

The Motor Vehicle Branch was transferred as of October 1st, 1954 to the Department of Highways, and statistics for the calendar year 1954 for this Branch are not included in this Report. Revenue figures for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1954, are however included in Table I.

As indicated by Tables II, III and IV there has been a steady growth in the Amusements Branch. The Amusements Tax collected in 1954 exceeded the tax collected in the previous year by 5.9%. During the year the Board of Moving Picture Censors reviewed 4,146 films. The screening room is now equipped to handle all types of film that may be submitted for censorship and in the past year 64 Cinema-scope subjects were processed.

During the year 1954 there was a small decrease in the number of companies incorporated under the Companies Act while registrations of foreign or extra-provincial companies showed some increase. Incorporations and registrations of oil and gas companies continued to decline. At December 31st, 1954 there were 8,400 active Alberta companies and 2,422 active foreign or extra-provincial companies on the Register. In the 1954 calendar year 1,177 companies were incorporated under the Act and 201 certificates of registration were granted to foreign or extra-provincial companies. As well, a large number of certificates were issued providing for changes in capital, changes in corporate names, etc.

By means of inspections of public buildings, review of plans of new buildings, lectures, film showings, demonstrations and fire prevention education, the Fire Prevention Branch has continued its program in an effort to reduce the loss of life and property resulting from fires. Firemanship competitions were held in Peace River, St. Paul, Calgary, Coleman and Redwater. The Fire Commissioner and his staff, with the co-operation of local fire departments, directed and promoted a vigorous fire prevention week campaign. The success of this campaign is indicated by the substantial increase in the number of municipalities participating and the fact that six municipalities received awards from the National Fire Protection Association with headquarters at Boston, Massachusetts. In support of provincial civil defence plans, and accompanied and assisted by the Deputy Fire Commissioner, the Fire Commissioner attended regular civil defence meetings, participated in civil defence exercises and conducted civil defence fire schools. Lectures on fire were given at provincial civil defence schools and the auxiliary firemen training program using five civil defence training pumpers was supervised through the Civil Defence Fire and Flood Committee of which the Fire Commissioner is chairman. The fire hose conversion field work, as a civil defence project, has been supervised by the Fire Commissioner through the employment of two additional inspectors and this year the job has been virtually completed.



As has been the experience in past years, the revenue for the year 1954 from fuel oil tax again shows a substantial increase over the previous year. As well, the sale of non-taxable products continues to increase, with the bulk of this being bunker fuel oil used as a result of the railway conversion program from coal to oil.

The Insurance Branch, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Insurance, administers the Alberta Insurance Act to ensure that only reliable companies, agents and adjusters are licensed to operate in the province. A statistical outline of the activities of the Branch is set out in Table IX. Premiums paid by Alberta policyholders during the 1953 calendar year increased by more than 15% over the previous year to \$70,371,736. (i.e. approximately \$70 per capita). In addition to the Alberta Insurance Act the Superintendent of Insurance is charged with the administration of the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act. The Branch investigates all complaints made by the public in respect of insurance and real estate transactions and as circumstances require exercises the remedial measures of the law against persons in contravention of these Acts.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. R. Hughes

Deputy Provincial Secretary

## FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

TABLE I

	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>
<b>AMUSEMENTS BRANCH</b>			
Amusements Tax	\$800,774.15	\$ 937,980.80	\$1,057,360.57
Pari-Mutuel Tax	155,516.56	296,993.82	341,483.81
Censorship Fees	37,411.50	37,359.00	40,595.50
License Fees - Theatres, Halls, etc.	21,801.97	21,348.67	23,679.86
License Fees - Moving Picture Operators	5,629.00	6,288.00	2,899.00
Total Amusements Branch	<u>1,021,133.18</u>	<u>1,299,975.29</u>	<u>1,466,018.74</u>
<b>COMPANIES BRANCH</b>			
Alberta Companies Incorporated	171,014.55	183,546.08	146,337.84
Foreign Companies Registered	<u>35,666.45</u>	<u>33,737.55</u>	<u>42,620.71</u>
Total Revenue Companies Act	206,681.00	217,283.63	188,958.55
Trust Companies Act	135.00	140.00	119.40
Miscellaneous Acts	1,106.00	1,206.45	1,335.75
Extracts, Searches, etc.	<u>4,791.58</u>	<u>6,830.93</u>	<u>4,465.67</u>
Total Revenue Companies Branch	<u>212,713.58</u>	<u>225,461.01</u>	<u>194,879.37</u>
<b>FIRE COMMISSIONERS BRANCH</b>			
Fire Prevention Tax	40,696.01	36,434.08	44,287.03
Lightning Rod Act, licenses	<u>558.70</u>	<u>268.80</u>	<u>280.25</u>
Total Revenue Fire Commissioner's Branch	<u>41,254.71</u>	<u>36,702.88</u>	<u>44,567.28</u>
<b>FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH</b>			
Fuel Oil Tax (Net of commissions)	<u>12,766,293.02</u>	<u>15,378,524.68</u>	<u>17,315,099.65</u>
<b>GENERAL OFFICE</b>			
Change of Name Act	2,870.00	3,158.00	3,479.50
Professionals Acts: Chiropody			10.00
Chiropractic			130.00
Naturopathy		110.00	200.00
Optometry	200.00	150.00	20.00
Drugless Practit's	160.00		
Queen's Counsel letters patent	<u>1,300.00</u>		<u>1,300.00</u>
Total, General Office	<u>4,530.00</u>	<u>3,418.00</u>	<u>5,139.50</u>



	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>			
Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye	\$ 29.40	\$ 7,523.55	\$ 13,271.35
Reimbursement of Salaries and Expenses	12,884.05	25,318.04	22,432.94
Sale of Automobiles			4,196.63
Total, Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>12,913.45</u>	<u>32,841.59</u>	<u>39,900.92</u>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH</b>			
Dealers' Plates	37,532.00	40,267.50	39,643.00
Drivers' Licenses	281,940.25	307,724.25	339,358.75
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,348.70	6,606.45	9,778.30
Owners certificates	2,081,748.80	2,435,923.95	2,769,553.45
Transfer fees	<u>37,723.20</u>	<u>43,200.71</u>	<u>65,327.00</u>
Total Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act	2,445,292.95	2,833,722.86	3,223,660.50
Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Registration Fees	2,960.75	4,460.04	6,137.05
Conditional Sales registration fees	5,908.50	17,917.90	22,742.94
Garagemen's Lien Act	1,404.33	1,524.25	1,792.50
Vehicle Approval Certificates	<u>20,417.50</u>	<u>21,168.75</u>	<u>22,864.40</u>
Total, Motor Vehicle Branch	<u>2,475,984.03</u>	<u>2,878,793.80</u>	<u>3,277,197.39</u>
<b>INSURANCE BRANCH</b>			
Agents' License fees	44,285.78	45,270.99	49,719.71
Companies' License fees	<u>120,685.00</u>	<u>123,860.00</u>	<u>126,915.00</u>
Total Insurance Act	164,970.78	169,130.99	176,634.71
Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act	9,290.00	9,557.05	10,398.00
Miscellaneous revenue	<u>1,545.13</u>	<u>957.73</u>	<u>1,233.10</u>
Total, Insurance Branch	<u>175,805.91</u>	<u>179,645.77</u>	<u>188,265.81</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL BRANCHES</b>	<u>16,710,627.88</u>	<u>20,035,363.02</u>	<u>22,531,068.66</u>

AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

AMUSEMENTS TAX DIVISION

TABLE II

Amusements Admissions

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Calgary	4,720,204	5,185,880	5,545,397
Edmonton	5,347,366	6,100,294	6,332,566
Lethbridge	988,984	1,077,062	1,110,956
Medicine Hat	521,392	550,806	592,888
All Others	<u>6,487,873</u>	<u>7,376,586</u>	<u>7,767,475</u>
Total admissions	18,065,819	20,290,628	21,349,282

Tax on Pari-Mutuel Betting

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Calgary	\$ 127,594.	\$ 159,593.	\$ 179,999.
Edmonton	168,099.	180,897.	193,424.
All other places	<u>1,305.</u>	<u>993.</u>	<u>952.</u>
Total tax collected	\$ 296,998.	\$ 341,483.	\$ 374,375.

Licensing Places Of Amusement

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Entertainment Halls	858	858	866
Theatres	398	428	439
Film Exchanges	13	13	13
Itinerant Exhibitors	17	17	13
Travelling Shows (including Carnivals)	<u>89</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>66</u>
Total licenses	1,375	1,371	1,397

## AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

CENSORSHIP DIVISION

TABLE III

Standard Gauge Film (35 m.m.)

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections</u>		
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Austrian		4							
Australian	1								
British	148	227	251	43	44(16)	55(18)			
Canadian	18	18	20			1(1)			
Chinese	2	3							
Finnish		1							
French	9	5	8		8(1)	11(4)	1		
German	6	24	35		4(3)	20(5)		1	
Indian	3								
Italian	11	8	25	10	4(3)	7(2)			1
Japanese	2								
Mexican		5	1						
New Zealand	3								
Russian	1	5	14			1(1)			
Swiss			2						
Ukrainian		2							
United States	2363	2417	2187	45	36(23)	97(44)			4
Yiddish	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	2568	2724	2543	98	96(46)	192(75)	1	1	5
Second Prints	<u>1400</u>	<u>1439</u>	<u>1805</u>						
Total all Films	<u>3968</u>	<u>4163</u>	<u>4348</u>						

\* Bracketed figures indicate number of films.



Narrow Gauge Film (16 m.m.)

	<u>Number of Films</u>			<u>Eliminations *</u>			<u>Rejections</u>		
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Austrian			1						
Australian			2						
British	27	24	34	6	23(4)	6(2)			
Canadian	4	1177							
Canadian (French language)	95	96							
Canadian (German language)	4								
Chinese			2						
Czechoslovakian		1							
Danish		1	1						
Finnish		2							
French	15	9	71						
German	16		3	1					
Hungarian		6	4						
Italian		1	4		1(1)	9(2)			
New Zealand		5							
Polish	3	2	4						
Russian	4	11	20	6	1(1)	2(2)			
Spanish			1						
Swedish			1						
Scandinavian		1							
Ukrainian		1	1		2(1)			1	
United States	<u>3104</u>	<u>995</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>30(7)</u>	<u>19(16)</u>			
	3272	2332	850	46(31)	57(14)	36(22)		1	

\*Bracketed figures indicate number of films.



## AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

THEATRES INSPECTION DIVISION

TABLE IV

Theatre and Hall Inspections

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Number of Plans surveyed	49	62	39
New places recommended for license	49	78	66
Number of places inspected	472	385	307
Recommendations re wiring	149	189	73
"    " fire precautions	339	219	172
"    " entrances and exits	429	208	90
"    " aisles	14	—	—
"    " public safety	—	57	119
"    " ventilation and sanitation	45	—	6

Projection Room and Projector Inspections

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Projection rooms inspected	111	150	105
Projectors inspected	216	272	202
Recommendations re repairs	135	107	108
"    " wiring	3	5	8
"    " fire precautions	51	81	44
"    " ventilation and sanitation	25	52	46
Miscellaneous recommendations	—	46	—
Projection rooms condemned	2	—	—

Projectionists' Licensing

	<u>Licenses Issued</u>			<u>Examinations Held</u>		
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
First Class	120	7	10	3	7	17
Second Class	130	21	27	19	23	23
Third Class	180	38	58	32	46	62
Apprentice	59	78	81			
Narrow Gauge	222	139	141			
Permits	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>			
	717	294	325	54	76	102

	<u>Film Reports</u>					
	<u>1952</u>		<u>1953</u>		<u>1954</u>	
Number of films reported	56,555		57,173		56,808	
	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Condemned</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Condemned</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Condemned</u>
Columbia Films	115	22	20	17	11	—
J. A. Rank Films	63	13	13	4	9	—
Paramount Films	33	4	19	2	17	—
International Films	30	6	11	—	12	—
R. K. O. Films	78	4	26	—	20	—
Empire Universal Films	35	5	28	4	8	6
M. G. M. Films	40	3	12	2	11	—
Fox Films	32	4	17	4	10	—
United Artists Films	33	9	21	5	9	—
Warner Brothers Films	126	—	93	1	48	1
	585	70	260	39	155	7



COMPANIES BRANCH

TABLE V

The Companies Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Number of Provincial Companies incorporated	956	1202	1177
Oil, Gas and Drilling Companies *	346	186	173
Number of Extra-Provincial Companies registered	237	190	201
Oil, Gas and Drilling Companies *	80	55	48
Number of Companies struck off the register			
1) Provincial	254	187	269
2) Extra-Provincial	46	85	95
Number of Companies restored to the register			
1) Provincial	11	3	5
2) Extra-Provincial	4	4	5
Total number of Companies registered			
1) Provincial	6403	7487	8400
2) Extra-Provincial	2175	2311	2422

\* Included in the figures for number of Companies incorporated or registered.

Incorporations Under Other Statutes

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
The Cemetery Act	6	4	1
The Co-operative Associations Act, 1946	69	86	54
The Credit Union Act	9	15	14
The Religious Societies' Lands Act	29	34	31
The Societies Act	114	129	191

Fire Losses (estimated)

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Property Loss	\$4,545,444	\$5,652,339	\$6,092,844
Per capita loss *	\$ 4.69	\$ 5.64	\$ 5.86
Loss of life	57	54	26
Injuries	43	28	25

\* Population of Alberta: 1952-970,000; 1953-1,002,000; 1954-1,039,000;

Inspection Service

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Towns inspected	416	594	773
Buildings inspected	2,440	1,871	1,542
Plans checked	214	263	366
Written orders	54	91	131
Verbal orders	320	306	250
Written recommendations	2,883	2,060	1,767
Special inspections	376	380	582

Fire Investigations

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Number of investigations	108	107	54
Incendiary and suspected incendiary	31	44	26
Charges laid (arson and allied offences)	16	20	8
Convictions	14	11	7
Pending	1	1	—

Synopsis of Charges in 1954

	<u>Number of Charges</u>	<u>Convictions</u>
Arson	4	4
Attempted arson	2	1
Fire Prevention Act	1	1
Threats to burn	1	
False fire alarms (516A Criminal Code)	1	1
Totals	8	7



Fire Prevention Education

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Meetings held	219	264	222
Number of film showings	127	165	261
Attendance at meetings	18,070	17,698	10,537
Number of fire drills held (at schools, hospitals, etc.)	234	154	119
Demonstrations of first aid fire fighting equipment	182	148	98
Number of Fire Prevention Week reports	132	185	252

Fire Protection Instruction Unit

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Fire departments inspected	68	131	202
Recommendations	161	305	243
Drills called	63	62	93

Investigations on Behalf of  
Superintendent of Insurance

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Number of investigations under Alberta Insurance Act	43	47	51
Number of charges laid	1	—	10
Number of convictions	1	—	10
Number of investigations under Real Estate Agents' L.A.	45	36	63
Number of charges laid	3	5	2
Number of convictions	2	4	2

The Lightning Rod Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Companies licensed (continuous license without renewal)	3	3	3
Agents licensed	45	49	42
Investigations	4	6	2
Special inspections	4	3	6

FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

TABLE VII

Sales of Fuel Oil to Consumers in Alberta

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954 *</u>
Gallons non-purple tax-exempt fuel oil	186,891,567	202,346,939	214,000,944
Gallons purple tax-exempt fuel oil	<u>154,214,925</u>	<u>158,349,811</u>	<u>160,140,644</u>
Total gallons tax-exempt sales	341,106,492	360,696,750	374,141,588
Total gallons taxable sales	<u>156,089,644</u>	<u>177,049,130</u>	<u>187,975,675</u>
Total gallons all sales	497,196,136	537,745,880	562,117,193

\* Subject to correction

Prosecutions under Fuel Oil Tax Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Number of prosecutions	1771	1036	1497
Fines paid	\$28,395.	\$18,133.	\$58,953.



Change of Name Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Certificates of Change of Name issued	234	271	254

Accountants' Experience Appraisal BoardThe Alberta Chartered Accountants Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Applications carried over from previous year	—	3	—
New applications received	15	13	23
Certificates granted	6	11	14
Applications refused i) conditionally	—	1	6
ii) unconditionally	6	3	—
Applications withdrawn	—	1	—
Applications carried over to following year	3	—	3

Board of ExaminersThe Chiroprody Professions Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
New applications received	1	2	—
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	1	1	—
Application refused - failed on examination	—	1	—

Board of ExaminersThe Chiropractic Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Applications carried over from previous year		7	—
New applications received		3	13
Certificates granted i) graduates of Accredited Schools		6	11
ii) qualified on examination		4	—
Applications refused i) conditionally		—	1
ii) unconditionally		—	1

Board of Examiners

The Naturopathy Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
New applications received	1	13	11
Certificates granted to 1) graduates of Accredited Schools	1	6	7
11) qualified on examination	—	3	—
Applications refused	—	—	3
Applications withdrawn	—	4	—
Applications carried over to following year	—	—	1

Board of Examiners

The Optometry Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
New applications received	4	1	4
Certificates granted - graduates of Accredited Schools	3	1	4
Applications refused	1	—	—

Summary of all applications for certification under

Professionals Acts up to December 31, 1954

	<u>Chartered Accountancy</u>	<u>Chiropody</u>	<u>Chiropractic</u>	<u>Naturopathy</u>	<u>Optometry</u>
Total number of applications received	54	3	23	36	28
Total number of certificates granted to,					
1) graduates of Accredited Schools	—	2	14	22	27
11) qualified on examination	31	—	7	5	—
Total number of applications refused					
1) conditionally	6	—	1	—	—
11) unconditionally	13	—	1	1	—
111) failed on examination	—	1	—	2	1
Total number of applications withdrawn	1	—	—	5	—
Number of applications carried over	3	—	—	1	—



## INSURANCE BRANCH

TABLE IX

The Alberta Insurance Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Companies licensed 1) Dominion registered	325	329	336
2) Alberta incorporated	5	6	6
3) Extra-Provincial	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Companies licensed	339	345	353
 New Companies admitted	 12	 10	 10
Companies withdrawn	2	3	1
Company Mergers	—	1	1
 Company inspections carried out	 3	 4	 3
 Certificates of authority issued *	 4,265	 4,504	 4,842
Adjusters licenses issued **	97	122	142
 Complaints received	 101	 124	 118
Charges entered	5	—	10
Convictions obtained	5	—	10

\* Covering license year ending February 15 in each year.

\*\* Covering license year ending May 31 in each year.

The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Agents' and Salesmen's licenses issued *	1,502	1,713	1,813
 Complaints received	 53	 63	 56
Charges entered	4	4	2
Convictions obtained	3	4	2

\* Covering license year ending June 30 in each year.

